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## DLE MISSION STATEMENT



## NTRODUCTION

The California Department of Justice's Division of Law Enforcement (DLE) is one of the largest investigative law enforcement agencies in the United States. The DLE is comprised of approximately 230 sworn staff, 300 criminalists/forensic scientists and 420 professional staff. In Fiscal Year (FY) 2013-14, the DLE's overall expenditures consisted of \$174,203,000.

Throughout FY 2013-14, the DLE was composed of five separate components including:

- Office of the Director
- Bureau of Firearms
- Bureau of Forensic Services
- Bureau of Gambling Control
- Bureau of Investigation

The Office of the Director provides support functions to the other four components within the DLE in addition to training opportunities and surveillance services for local law enforcement agencies. The Bureau of Firearms enforces laws relating to the unlawful possession of firearms and the possession of illicit firearms. The Bureau of Forensic Services conducts scientific analyses of evidence for investigations conducted by state and local law enforcement agencies within California. The Bureau of Gambling Control conducts investigations into violations of laws associated with all card rooms and Indian gaming facilities within California. Finally the Bureau of Investigation performs investigations into a wide range of criminal activities including mortgage fraud, identity theft, recycling fraud, Internet crimes, transnational gangs, human trafficking and online privacy laws.

The overall purpose of the DLE is to enhance the effectiveness of state and local law enforcement agencies throughout California. Specifically, the unique skillset that the DLE agents possess facilitates the investigation of crimes that require technical expertise. In addition, the DLE is equipped to deploy significant assistance to rural or remote geographic areas where investigative law enforcement resources may not be readily available.

The DLE assists state and local law enforcement agencies by providing services such as:

- Computer forensic training
- Collection and analysis of evidence
- Surveillance support while suspects are on the move
- Technical expertise
- Management of major crime multijurisdictional task forces

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In addition, the DLE also provides law enforcement services that offer general support for local law enforcement agencies such as the:

- Registration of firearms
- Confiscation of illicit firearms
- Confiscation of illegally owned firearms
- Licensure of card rooms and casinos
- Investigation of crimes associated with gambling venues
- Investigation of complex crimes that require the technical expertise of agents

Each agent, scientist and professional staff member is assigned to the Office of the Director or one of the four bureaus within the DLE. As such, all DLE employees are trained to perform the special duties within their respective bureau. While each of the DLE bureaus have their own specific responsibilities, they all work together to provide unique law enforcement services throughout California. Together, the Office of the Director and the four bureaus of the DLE are dedicated to enhancing the safety and to reducing the vulnerability of all citizens, residents and visitors within the state of California.

# **M**ESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR



It is my privilege to present this edition of the DLE Annual Report. I am happy to announce that FY 2013-14 realized some of the most noteworthy accomplishments the DLE has experienced during my tenure as the director of this fine law enforcement agency. The many achievements attained by the DLE also improved the efficiency of law enforcement agencies throughout California.

All four bureaus within the DLE experienced groundbreaking successes during this fiscal year. I am pleased to describe some of the most noteworthy results achieved by the DLE:

- In the Office of the Director, the Advanced Training Center (ATC) provided training in specialized investigative techniques to thousands of law enforcement personnel statewide.
- Also in the Office of Director, the California Witness Relocation Assistance Program (CalWRAP) processed 624 claims for reimbursement totaling more than \$4.5 million in authorized witness expenditures from 29 local district attorneys' offices. During the same period, the CalWRAP provided services for 800 cases, 304 of which were newly opened in FY 2013-14. Seventy two percent of the new cases involved homicide or attempted homicide charges. Eighty two percent of the new cases were gang-related.
- In the Bureau of Forensic Services (BFS), a truly innovative program known as Rapid DNA Service ("RADS") is currently being piloted. BFS developed the concept, designed a workable solution and is currently operating this program in eight counties within California. The idea was developed as a means of providing improved service for the victims of sexual assault cases.
- Further, in the BFS, the California Convicted Offender DNA database has grown significantly over the last decade from 185,653 to 2,361,304 searchable records in the Combined DNA Indexing System (CODIS). The number of DNA hits has steadily increased and is now averaging over 500 hits per month. This has provided investigators with a significant number of leads in a variety of cases such as homicides, sexual assaults, assaults, robbery, and burglaries.
- The BFS also expanded their digital evidence capabilities by adding Digital Evidence personnel to the BFS Riverside and Richmond laboratories and establishing cell phone kiosks in the Los Angeles and San Diego areas for law enforcement use.

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- The Bureau of Gambling Control closed 278 investigations with 47 arrests. The investigations targeted organized groups engaged in major crimes such as narcotic distribution, loan sharking, bookmaking, embezzlement and counterfeiting.
- The Bureau of Investigation's (BI) investigative programs opened 241 investigations and arrested or assisted in the arrest of 159 individuals. The Special Operations Unit (SOU) conducted or assisted with 110 arrests. The BI Task Force Program conducted 1,996 felony arrests and 76 misdemeanor arrests. The investigations included human trafficking, revenge porn and transnational gangs.
- In FY 2013-14, Agents from the Bureau of Firearms (BOF) arrested 130 people for firearms violations. Armed Prohibited Persons System (APPS) investigations resulted in the seizure of 2,943 firearms, 1,584 magazines, 237 high-capacity magazines, 210 destructive devices, 225,940 rounds of normal ammunition, 500 rounds of armor piercing ammunition, and 230 rounds of tracer ammunition. Agents also conducted criminal investigations at gun shows and gun stores, which resulted in the seizure of 88 firearms, 27 magazines, 37 high capacity magazines and 17,120 rounds of normal ammunition. Finally, BOF staff processed 895,953 background checks on firearm purchases: 430,697 for handgun purchases and 465,256 for long-gun purchases.

In addition to the above accomplishments, Attorney General Kamala D. Harris conducted Zone Meetings in Los Angeles County, Santa Barbara County, Alameda County, Sacramento County, and San Diego County. During the Zone Meetings, the Attorney General emphasized her ongoing priorities of fighting human trafficking, transnational gangs, technology fraud and consumer fraud. The Zone Meetings also included presentations relevant to the trends and issues facing our state's law enforcement agencies such as Transnational Criminal Organizations (TCOs) and the SmartJustice information system.

In March 2014, the Attorney General unveiled her report "Gangs Beyond Borders – California and the Fight Against Transnational Organized Crime." This detailed report addresses the growing threat of these dangerous groups within California. A copy of the report is available online at *https://oag.ca.gov/transnational-organized-crime*.

In closing, I want to express my sincere appreciation to all the hard working men and women in the DLE for their sustained efforts and accomplishments. The aforementioned highlights are the result of the tenacity and commitment of all members of the DLE.

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Larry J. Wallace Director, Division of Law Enforcement

# ATTORNEY GENERAL ZONE MEETINGS

Section 12524 of the California Government Code authorizes the Attorney General to convene meetings for California's law enforcement leaders to discuss issues of shared concern, current challenges and issues faced by law enforcement agencies throughout California. Attorney General Kamala D. Harris strives for the collective goal of keeping our communities safe even though this objective can be a complex and challenging task. The Attorney General's Zone Meetings connect her priorities of fighting human trafficking, transnational gangs, eCrimes, environmental violations and mortgage fraud with current trends throughout the state. The following map identifies the eight zones and the counties that comprise each zone.

Five Zone Meetings were convened by the Attorney General in FY 2013-14 in the following Zones and communities:

- The Zone I Meeting was held in Los Angeles County
- The Zone I-A Meeting was held in Santa Barbra County
- The Zone II Meeting was held in Alameda County
- The Zone IV Meeting was held in Sacramento County
- The Zone VI Meeting was held in San Diego County

This year's Zone Meetings included the presentation of awards by the Attorney General. The Awards Program promotes public awareness of the positive efforts and actions by local and state law enforcement agencies and their officers, in addition to the citizens whose efforts assisted to protect and



serve their communities. During the recent Zone Meetings, the Attorney General recognized 54 agency recipients and 234 individual recipients.



It is the MISSION of the DLE to provide its customers and clients extraordinary services in forensic sciences, forensic education, criminal investigations, gambling and firearms regulation, intelligence operations, and training. The DLE endeavors to be on the cutting edge in providing these services. Our mission is best achieved by working with local law enforcement agencies, as well as state and federal agencies, that are both our customers and our partners in this endeavor. Justice under the law and the highest ethical standards is our focus for all services delivered.

The DLE accomplishes its mission by dedication to its **VALUES** and through the application of unique, specialized investigative and criminal intelligence techniques; cutting-edge technology and forensic services; leadership, training, and education; and regulatory enforcement and oversight of firearms and dangerous weapons, and ensuring the integrity of gambling in California.

Integrity	We constantly strive to do the right thing and maintain the highest ethical standards of honesty, regardless of circumstances or consequences.
Teamwork	We respect and support one another as we work together for the greater good.
Service	We respond to the needs of all customers— internal and external—with courtesy, kindness, and professionalism.
Excellence	We strive for the highest quality in everything we do. we do.



In support of our mission, the DLE:

- I. Provides investigative support to local law enforcement, other state agencies, and Department of Justice legal staff.
- 2. Maintains and updates data systems in support of law enforcement operations and public information.
- 3. Functions as the primary forensic provider for the state of California.
- 4. Creates and enforces regulations.
- 5. Proposes and carries out legislative mandates.
- 6. Licenses businesses and conducts background and security clearances for peace officers, security officers, and the general public.
- 7. Provides law enforcement training and public education.
- 8. Provides investigative support to law enforcement to include technology and deconfliction.
- 9. Collects, analyzes, and disseminates information and intelligence.
- 10. Provides leadership and expertise to law enforcement and sovereign governments.
- II. Identifies major crime trends and initiates investigation and enforcement actions.
- 12. Provides mutual aid during emergencies and natural disasters.

### EXPENDITURES Fiscal Year 2013-2014

Bureau and Funding Source	Personal Services	Operating Expenditures	Total Expenditures	% of Division Expenditures
Office of the Director				
General Fund State Reimbursement Legal Services Revolving Fund Restitution Fund Indian Gaming Gambling Control DNA Identification Fund <b>Subtota</b> l	\$650,118 \$385,623 \$475,829 \$184,150 \$430,296 \$240,540 \$2,430,228 <b>\$4,796,784</b>	\$322,612 \$191,360 \$236,123 \$91,382 \$213,529 \$119,365 \$1,205,967 <b>\$2,380,338</b>	\$972,731 \$576,983 \$711,952 \$275,532 \$643,825 \$359,905 \$3,636,195 <b>\$7,177,122</b>	0.61% 0.36% 0.45% 0.17% 0.41% 0.23% 2.29% <b>4.52%</b>
Bureau of Firearms				
State Reimbursement Firearms Safety Account Dealers' Record of Sale Special Account Firearms Safety and Enforcement Fund <b>Subtotal</b>	\$204,642 \$168,683 \$12,937,925 \$1,943,652 <b>\$15,254,902</b>	\$127,141 \$104,800 \$8,038,104 \$1,207,556 <b>\$9,477,600</b>	\$331,783 \$273,482 \$20,976,029 \$3,151,208 <b>\$24,732,502</b>	0.21% 0.17% 13.21% 1.98% <b>15.58%</b>
Bureau of Forencis Services				
State Reimbursement Sexual Habitual Offender Program Federal Trust Missing Persons DNA Database Fund DNA Identification Fund <b>Subtotal</b>	\$1,589,371 \$341,684 \$935,387 \$1,629,446 \$35,635,135 <b>\$40,131,023</b>	\$1,273,929 \$273,870 \$749,741 \$1,306,051 \$28,562,654 <b>\$32,166,246</b>	\$2,863,300 \$615,555 \$1,685,128 \$2,935,497 \$64,197,788 <b>\$72,297,268</b>	1.80% 0.39% 1.06% 1.85% 40.43% <b>45.53%</b>
Bureau of Gambling Control				
State Reimbursement Indian Gaming Gambling Control Gambling Fines <b>Subtotal</b>	\$7,945 \$11,184,403 \$5,663,262 \$12,310 <b>\$16,867,921</b>	\$2,521 \$3,549,299 \$1,797,200 \$3,906 <b>\$5,352,928</b>	\$10,466 \$14,733,703 \$7,460,463 \$16,216 <b>\$22,220,848</b>	0.01% 9.28% 4.70% 0.01% <b>13.99%</b>
Bureau of Investigation				
General Fund Reimbursement Political Reform Act Antitrust False Claims Act Federal Trust Federal Asset Forfeiture Legal Services Revolving Fund <b>Subtotal</b>	\$2,790,625 \$11,106,714 \$36,014 \$19,965 \$510,527 \$394,792 \$1,060,616 \$7,155,874 <b>\$23,075,126</b>	\$1,123,147 \$4,470,138 \$14,495 \$8,035 \$205,473 \$158,892 \$426,868 \$2,880,037 <b>\$9,287,086</b>	\$3,913,772 \$15,576,852 \$50,509 \$28,000 \$716,000 \$553,684 \$1,487,484 \$10,035,911 <b>\$32,362,212</b>	2.46% 9.81% 0.03% 0.02% 0.45% 0.35% 0.94% 6.32% <b>20.38%</b>
Divison Total Total Percentage	\$100,125,755 63%	\$58,664,197 37%	\$158,789,952	

## DIVISION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT Fiscal Year 2013-2014 LEADERSHIP



Kamala D. Harris California Attorney General

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Wayne Quint Chief, Bureau of Gambling Control

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## **O**FFICE OF THE DIRECTOR



The Office of the Director serves as the policy-making and oversight body for the DLE's four operational bureaus. Its mission is to ensure the optimum efficiency and effectiveness of the Division's programs and to unify support services within the DLE. The Office of the Director is comprised of the following programs:

 The Professional Standards Group (PSG) conducts back ground investigations, reviews grievances and complaints, responds to requests for public

records, conducts formal and informal internal affairs investigations, provides management with guidance on employee discipline and adverse actions, and responds to critical incidents.

- The Advanced Training Center (ATC) provides law enforcement personnel with training in highly specialized subject areas.
- The Radio Communications Unit (RCU) maintains the DLE's two-way radio system.
- The California Witness Relocation and Assistance Program (CalWRAP) provides funding for counties to relocate witnesses who are at risk of intimidation or retaliatory violence because of their anticipated testimony in criminal proceedings.

#### Significant Accomplishments Specialized Investigative Training

The ATC provided training in specialized investigative techniques to thousands of law enforcement personnel statewide. The ATC trained 2,592 students from state and local law enforcement

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agencies in FY 2013-14. Some of the courses offered by the ATC are mandated by law, while others are designed to develop professional expertise within a specialty. Students received critical instruction on subjects such as Tactical Rural Operations, Clandestine Laboratory Safety Certification, and Electronic Surveillance.

The ATC is the sole presenter statewide for electronic surveillance certification training as well as the only statewide presenter of a Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) certified Law Enforcement Rural Operations course. Electronic Surveillance was developed for peace officers and qualified individuals assigned to intercept and record wire communications (wiretaps); this course covers the legal basis for California wiretap operations as well as the practical and tactical aspects of operating and monitoring a wiretap. Penal Code section 629.94 requires that this course be successfully completed by all personnel



involved in the conduct of, or application for an order authorizing, a wiretap operation.

In conjunction with the Bureau of Investigation, the ATC offered a Clandestine Laboratory Training Program. The courses taught through this program certified 160 detectives and task force officers from agencies across California to safely and efficiently investigate and process the various types of Clandestine Laboratories prevalent in California.

The ATC also offers specialized training that is not widely available but is highly valuable to law enforcement. Students returned to their agencies armed with the skills to conduct the types of investigations that their agencies may not otherwise have had the resources to pursue without seeking outside assistance. The ATC oversaw the in-service training of 284 sworn DOJ agents and task force personnel. The ATC trained or certified almost 3,000 law enforcement personnel to be in compliance with POST regulations and California statutes during FY 2013-14.

#### Witness Assistance

In FY 2013-14, the CalWRAP processed 624 claims for reimbursement totaling more than \$4.5 million in authorized witness expenditures from 29 local district attorneys' offices. During the same period, the CalWRAP provided services for 800 cases, 304 of which were newly opened in 2013-14. Seventy-two percent of the new cases involved homicide or

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attempted homicide charges. Eighty-two percent of the new cases were gang-related.

The CalWRAP's client agencies reported numerous successful prosecutions in FY 2013-14, a few of which are highlighted below:

- In Alameda County, gang members fired several shots into a vehicle containing seven rival gang members. Three of the vehicle occupants were killed, three were injured and the seventh passenger was not harmed. The witness saw the shooting and was able to identify one of the shooters. The witness testified and was relocated. The defendants received life sentences.
- In Los Angeles County, gang members walked up to a parked vehicle with three occupants. One of the gang members shot and killed the driver and front passenger. The witness was shot as he fled to the back of the vehicle. Upon being threatened, the witness and his family were subsequently relocated. The defendants received sentences of 25 years to life in prison without the possibility of parole.
- In Monterey County, a victim was stabbed by two gang members, who then stole the victim's vehicle. The case was cold for eight years until it was solved by DNA evidence. After an attempt was made on the life of one of the eye witnesses, the second witness was relocated. The defendants received



sentences of life in prison without parole.

 In Ventura County, the defendant shot and killed the witness' husband in front of her while her young child slept next to her. He then robbed her and threatened her life if she identified him to police. The witness and her family were relocated for their safety. The defendant received a prison sentence of 100 years to life.

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### **Productivity Comparison Statistics**

#### Personnel in FY 13-14

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Office of the Director	FY 11-12	FY 12-13	FY 13-14
Radio Communications:			
Vehicle Installations		0	0
Portable Radios Loaned	110	81	38
Mobile Radios Loaned	18	6	5
Radio Installations, Removals, Repairs	132	39	35
Site Visits	21	8	17
Advanced Training Center (ATC)			
Training Classes Presented	112	42	48
Local Law Enforcement Personnel Trained	3,234	1,893	2,592
DOJ Enforcement Personnel Trained	N/A	291	284
Background Investigation Unit (BIU)			
	FO		205
Background Investigations Requested	58	127	295
Background Investigations Closed	60	178	253
California Witness Relocation Assistance			
Program (CalWRAP)			
Gang-Related	309	297	249
Narcotic Trafficking	13	2	5
High Degree of Risk	68	64	49
Organized Crime	4		0
Domestic Violence	5	7	I

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• To provide high quality, impartial forensic service in the interest of public safety and justice." The Bureau of Forensic Services (BFS) was established in 1972 to provide assistance to counties that do not have any forensic services. The BFS provides service to 46 of California's 58 counties with 10 field laboratories and specialized units such as DNA, toxicology, latent prints, questioned documents and a forensic training facility. The BFS serves over 545 local law enforcement agencies, including 83 district attorney's offices, state agencies, counties that comprise approximately 25 percent of the population and 20 percent of violent crimes. BFS also supports other crime labs within the state and other states' crime labs in casework and training.

The BFS was first accredited by the American Society of Crime Lab Directors/Lab Accreditation Board (ASCLD/LAB) in 1994. In 2011, BFS successfully completed a program in international

accreditation (ISO) and is currently accredited under the ASCLD/ LAB International program. The BFS provides mentorship and training to other agencies throughout the world that seek to establish forensic science programs or to modernize their programs. The BFS keeps abreast of the latest DNA innovations through the operation of its Method Development Section housed in the Jan Bashinski DNA Laboratory in Richmond.

The BFS accredited services cover a wide variety of forensic science disciplines including:

- Alcohol
- Biology
- Controlled Substances
- Digital Evidence
- DNA Casework
- DNA Data Bank
- DNA Missing Persons
- Field Investigations (Clandestine Labs, Crime Scenes)
- Firearms
- Toolmarks/Impressions

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- Latent Prints
- Questioned Documents
- Toxicology
- Trace Evidence

The BFS operates 11 regional forensic laboratories throughout California in Chico, Eureka, Freedom, Fresno, Redding, Ripon, Riverside, Sacramento, Santa Barbara, Santa Rosa and Richmond.

The BFS is the state's custodian for the CAL-DNA Data Bank, the fourth largest criminal offender DNA database in the world, at the Jan Bashinski Laboratory in Richmond. The BFS operates a comprehensive training facility known as the California Criminalistics Institute (CCI) in Sacramento, and a satellite training facility at the Los Angeles Sheriff/Police Department Crime Laboratory on the California State University at Los Angeles campus. CCI offers training programs to federal, state, and local criminal justice agencies relative to the listed forensic science disciplines.

#### CAL-DNA Data Bank Program

The California Convicted Offender DNA database has grown significantly over the last decade, from 185,653 to 2,361,304 searchable records in the Combined DNA Indexing System (CODIS). The number of hits has steadily increased and is now averaging over 500 per month. This has provided investigators with a significant number of leads in a variety of cases such as homicides, sexual assaults, assaults, robberies, and burglaries.



#### **RAPID DNA SERVICE (RADS)**

One of the most innovative programs that BFS is piloting is the Rapid DNA Service ("RADS"). BFS developed the concept, designed a workable solution, and is currently piloting this program in eight counties in California. The idea was developed based on the need to better serve victims of sexual assault.

RADS is a high throughput program for the analysis of sexual assault evidence. Under this program, whenever a standard sexual assault kit is collected from a rape victim, representative samples are packaged separately and sent directly from the hospital to the crime laboratory for DNA analysis. RADS is designed to support victims and assist law enforcement investigators by rapidly processing the best evidence and, when appropriate, uploading perpetrator DNA profiles to CODIS to search for matching profiles from offenders and other cases. In addition to utilizing the DNA database as a crime solving tool, RADS may prevent future crimes by identifying a

potential serial rapist before he commits more crimes.

RADS evidence consists of samples triaged by hospital examiners. Along with a victim reference sample, examiners collect up to three evidence swabs from various body sites where case information indicates that DNA from the perpetrator is most likely to be found. The DNA analysis, including upload to CODIS, is completed and reported within 15 days from the start of batch analysis. RADS is a first-pass process that does not preclude the analysis of additional evidence, such as the standard sexual assault evidence kit, clothing, and bedding, when needed for the investigation. RADS provides assurance to victims of sexual assault that their cases are important, the evidence will be examined in an expeditious manner, and if DNA results are obtained, a perpetrator may be identified and the case can be prosecuted.

This program has been so successful that the BFS was recognized in Washington, DC at the 2014 National Crime Victims Rights Week for Professional Innovation for the use of technology.

#### **Digital Evidence**

During FY 2013-14, BFS expanded their digital evidence capabilities. The BFS added Digital Evidence personnel to the Riverside and Richmond Laboratories and cell phone kiosks to Los Angeles and San Diego areas for law enforcement use. This expansion along with the addition of computer forensics to the Fresno Laboratory has kept BFS very



busy in this forensic science discipline. The BFS analyzed 121 cell phones and trained over 500 law enforcement officers on the use of the cell phone kiosks. This has allowed various law enforcement agencies to analyze over 1,500 cell phones using the kiosks. The computer forensics unit is working on a variety of cases including homicides, child pornography, identity theft, mortgage fraud, and drug trafficking.



#### SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

#### Missing Persons DNA Program (MPDP) Helps Re-Focus Investigation of Missing Family

In February 2010, a family of four went missing from their home in Fallbrook. Law enforcement concluded that the family had safely traveled to Mexico and lowered the priority of the case. On November 11, 2013, bones of two adult and two child murder victims were found in the desert. nearVictorville. MPDP analyses resulted in the identification of these bones as the missing family. The case was then changed from low priority to a high priority serial murder case. It is hoped that these MPDP identifications will ultimately solve this murder case. Stories of the missing family's disappearance were published widely in state, national, and international media outlets.

#### **MPDP** Assist to Locals

On August 16, 2013, the body of a jumper was found below the Golden Gate Bridge. Both feet were missing. Later, one foot washed ashore in Alameda and another in Contra Costa County. The MPDP was able to identify the footless body and then compare it to DNA profiles developed from the separate feet submitted as separate cases from separate counties. On October 4, 2013, the MPDP announced that the two feet and the body all belonged to the same decedent. Without MPDP services, law enforcement agencies in three separate counties would have conducted three separate unidentified person cases with two detached feet assumed to belong

to separate homicide victims. The MPDP helped save countless hours that would have been devoted to the investigation of what initially seemed to be three separate cases.

#### MPDP Sets New Record for Number of IDs in FY 2013-14

MPDP DNA analyses resulted in a record breaking 102 identifications of unidentified persons in FY 2013-14. This number is 30 percent higher than the total for calendar year 2012 and 71 percent higher than the total for calendar year 2011. The MPDP has achieved a higher number of identifications from nearly every prior year since 2007. This positive progress is attributable to new technologies implemented in the MPDP, greater success by the MPDP Law Enforcement Liaison & Outreach Section to achieve greater law enforcement and coroner compliance, and greater efficiencies employed by MPDP laboratory staff.

#### CODIS Hit-Sacramento County Assist

On March 6, 2012, the body of a young woman was found at Rosemont Park in Rancho Cordova. She died from a stab wound, blunt force trauma, and asphyxia. In the 16 months following the death, investigators spent countless hours following up on leads including running a biological sample left behind by an unknown donor through the DOJ's Familial Search program. Initially, the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department thought it might be easy to bring the offender to justice; however, the case turned out to be more challenging than originally expected. A CODIS match

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to the suspect's sample was made on August 5, 2013, when a male subject was arrested on a domestic violence charge. The agency was notified on August 6, 2013, and the subject was arrested two days later.

Officials at the Sacramento District Attorney's Office are convinced the case would have gone unsolved if it were not for Proposition 69 and the mandatory arrestee DNA sample collection provision.



#### Sexual Assault and Murder Solved

A young woman was last seen alive by her friends when she was leaving a bar in Stockton, while accompanied by a male subject in the early morning hours of August 7, 2011. The subject and victim were later recorded on a security video at a grocery store around 1:00 a.m. The last activity on the victim's cell phone was a call to her boyfriend at about 5:00 a.m., which pinged off a cell phone tower near the subject's residence. The subject claimed he and the woman had sex at his residence. Thereafter, she was riding in his vehicle as he drove southbound on Highway 99. When he exited the freeway "somewhere," she jumped from the car and ran away. Criminalists from the Central Valley Laboratory assisted the Stockton Police Department with searches of the suspect's vehicle and residence. Subsequent analysis of items from these scenes did not produce significant leads.

On October 15, 2011, the young woman's remains were found in a cornfield by a corn chopper operator. Criminalists from the Central Valley Laboratory assisted in the processing of the scene. A bullet hole was observed in the back of the decedent's skull and five expended .22 cartridge cases were found in the field near the decedent. During the autopsy, three bullets were recovered from the victim's body and two bullets were recovered from the soil that was collected under the decedent. A witness reported he had participated in recreational shooting with the subject along a canal around the time of the victim's disappearance. The subject had reportedly borrowed a firearm from a family member. The Stockton Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation collected over 120 – .22 caliber cartridge cases from the canal area and submitted them to the Laboratory. A pistol belonging to the subject's uncle was eventually located by the Stockton Police Department. A BFS Senior Criminalist was able to determine the five cartridge cases from the scene and two cartridge cases from the canal were fired by the pistol. The Criminalist testified regarding her findings in this case, beginning September 20, 2013. In October 2013, the subject was convicted of kidnapping and first degree murder. He was sentenced

to life in prison without the possibility of parole on November 4, 2013.

#### Ten-Year-Old Sexual Assault and Murder Solved

In the early morning hours of July 31, 2004, a 19-year-old woman walking along a Santa Cruz County road near Aptos was knocked down an embankment by a stranger who then violently sexually assaulted and strangled her. The sexual assault evidence collection kit was analyzed at the BFS Freedom Laboratory. A BFS Assistant Lab Director found sperm cells on the vaginal slides and sent the vaginal swabs to the Jan Bashinski DNA Laboratory for DNA typing. A Senior Criminalist obtained a male DNA profile from the evidence. The forensic profile of the unknown suspect was uploaded to CODIS in order to search at the state and national levels. For nearly ten years, there was no hit.

After the passage of years, this became a cold case. Later, detectives from the Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office detectives BFS and requested a Familial Search on the forensic unknown. The case was accepted by the Familial Search Committee and placed in the queue to be searched.

In May 2014, a taxi driver sexually assaulted a female passenger after driving her to a secluded area in Santa Cruz County. The victim escaped and called for help, resulting in the subject's arrest and the collection of his DNA sample for the CAL-DNA Data Bank Program. During the routine autosearch on June 15, 2014, the subject's profile matched the evidence from the 2004 rape case. The CODIS Unit confirmed the match, and a hit notification was provided to authorities. A reference sample subsequently collected from the subject was typed and matched to the crime sample previously submitted by a Senior Criminalist. The subject, who had been facing misdemeanor charges resulting from his arrest in May, was now charged with felony rape, false imprisonment and sexual battery. His bail was set at \$450,000.

Unfortunately, there were no witnesses to the ten-year-old murder. According to the Santa Cruz Assistant District Attorney, the key evidence that influenced the jurors to convict the suspect was the fragments of foxtails in the vacuum samples from his truck which were found smeared with small amounts of the victim's blood. The defense alleged that contamination was to blame for the presence of the bloody fox tails. However, the probative nature of the bloody foxtails became apparent to the jury from the original crime scene photographs of the truck obtained by the responding officers.

#### **BFS** Assistance

On September 17, 2014, a defendant was sentenced to 26 years in state prison after pleading guilty in Butte County Superior Court to three counts of kidnapping and one count of forcible rape. The defendant is suspected of as many as nine other assaults in the area near Chico State University, dating back to August 2011, with the majority of assaults occurring in 2012. The defendant was a Physician's Assistant for Oroville Hospital (where he



was employed at the time of his arrest) and for Enloe Medical Center in Chico, where he performed Occupational Workplace Examinations (including those for local law enforcement agencies). At the time of his arrest, he was a married father of four.

After the first assault, Chico Police Department detectives conducted surveillance in the area. Common themes in the assaults included the victims being taken into a dark-colored vehicle with covered rear windows. The victims were then bound with zip-ties or tape, blindfolded, and injected with a substance that caused drowsiness. The defendant's vehicle was stopped in early 2013 after he ran a stop sign in the area. The rear passenger windows were partially covered with blankets and bedding. A subsequent search of the vehicle found a hidden compartment under the front passenger seat. In this compartment, officers found a flashlight with a stun gun, syringes, vials of drugs (including haloperidol available through the defendant's work), gloves, handcuffs, leg restraints, and adhesive tape cut into strips. An investigation showed that the defendant left his night-time job at Oroville Hospital during his work hours to commit the assaults.

The BFS provided vehicle processing and laboratory analysis for this case. BFS personnel time totaled over 1,100 hours. Services were provided from the BFS Chico Lab that included scene response, biological screening, hair exams, controlled substance analysis, BFS Latent Print Program latent processing and comparison. BFS Redding Lab performed nuclear DNA analysis, tape exams, BFS Ripon Lab conducted nuclear DNA analysis, BFS Sacramento Lab performed y-filer DNA analysis and the BFS Toxicology Lab conducted toxicology examinations of the victim's blood. In addition to the physical evidence recovered from the defendant's vehicle, his DNA was found in one of the victim's underwear. The defendant's defense attorney cited the overwhelming evidence in the case as one of the primary reasons the defendant pleaded guilty rather than go to trial.

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### **Casework Requests Completed**

#### Northern California

Service Type	СН	CV	EU	FM	FR	MP	RD	RIC	SR	SC	TOX
Biology Analyses	271	352	110	475	254	n/a	132	186	135	42	n/a
Blood and Urine Alcohol Analyses	0	3,093	I,067	2,078	2,453	n/a	1,418	n/a	2,897	2,438	n/a
Clandestine Laboratories	5	9	0	14	16	n/a	2	n/a	3	2	n/a
Controlled Substances	314	9,871	1,142	886	4,939	n/a	1,173	n/a	2,307	2,359	n/a
Criminalistics	108	433	71	56	68	n/a	52	n/a	22	49	n/a
Digital Evidence	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	80	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	40	n/a
DNA Analyses	n/a	682	0	n/a	494	n/a	331	1,433	n/a	516	n/a
Firearms Analyses	54	173	38	91	202	n/a	51	n/a	41	79	n/a
Latent Prints	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	I,405	n/a	194	n/a	n/a	1021	n/a
Missing Persons DNA	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	809	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Questioned Documents	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	19	n/a
Toxicology	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	10,368

Souther	Southern California				
Service Type	SB	RI			
Biology Analyses	115	412		2,484	
Blood and Urine Alcohol Analyses	1,695	2,726		19,865	
Clandestine Laboratories	0	12		63	
Controlled Substances	842	6,664		30,370	
Criminalistics	39	146		1,044	
Digital Evidence	n/a	I		121	
DNA Analyses	453	292		4,201	
Firearms Analyses	48	180		957	
Latent Prints	n/a	n/a		2,620	
Missing Persons DNA	n/a	n/a		809	
Questioned Documents	n/a	n/a		19	
Toxicology	n/a	n/a		10,368	
			Total	72,921	

BFS L	aboratories
	Chico Regional
	Central Valley Regional - Ripon
EU	Eureka Regional
FM	Freedom Regional
FR	Fresno Regional
MPDP	Missing Persons DNA Program - Richmond
RD	Redding Regional
RI	Riverside Regional
RIC	DNA, Richmond
SB	Santa Barbara Regional
SC	Sacramento Regional
SR	Santa Rosa Regional
TOX	Toxicology - Sacramento

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### **Casework Requests Completed**

#### Field Breath Tests Completed by BFS Clients

Evidential	31,901
Screening	31,377
Total	63,278

CAL-DNA Data Bank Metrics	2012-2013	Program Total**
Cases Solved by Familial Hits	0	4
CODIS Hits	6,359	34,059
Familial Searches Conducted	20	80
Forensic Unknown DNA Profiles to CODIS	8,276	63,302
Offender DNA Profiles to CODIS*	160,861	2,278,237
Offender DNA Samples Received*	166,861	2,361,304

\*Includes Felony Arrestees \*\*Since Inception

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#### Personnel in FY 13-14

Criminalist/Forensic Scientist: 377.5

Professional: 68

<b>Casework Requests Completed</b>	FY 10-11	FY 11-12	FY 12-13	FY 13-14
Biology Analyses	2,584	2,459	2,350	2,484
Blood and Urine Alcohol Analyses	26,213	24,021	22,288	19,865
Clandestine Laboratories	181	103	77	63
Controlled Substances	22,396	27,018	30,370	30,370
Criminalistics	1,138	998	837	1,044
Digital Equipment	n/a	30	145	121
DNA Analyses	2,980	3,192	3,297	4,201
Firearms Analyses	1,148	954	1,094	957
Latent Prints	2,215	1,803	2,200	2,620
Missing Persons DNA	895	991	249	809
Questioned Documents	95	94	33	19
Toxicology	3,73	12,847	14,554	10,368

Field Breath Tests	FY 09-10	FY 10-11	FY 11-12	
Evidential	32,941	31,736	29,591	31,901
Screening	18,673	25,840	28,090	31,377
CAL-DNA Data Bank	FY 09-10	FY 10-11	FY 11-12	
Cases Solved by Familial Hits	2	0	2	ا
CODIS Hits	5,037	4,337	5,260	6,359
Familial Searches Conducted	, 	16	24	20
Forensic Unknown DNA Profiles to CODIS	8,341	6,765	7,486	8,276
Offender DNA Profiles to CODIS*	238,250	147,610	179,162	60,86
Offender DNA Samples Received*	227,261	162,572	176,479	66,86

\*Includes Felony Arrestees

## BUREAU OF GAMBLING CONTROL



The Bureau of Gambling Control (BGC) conducts criminal investigations, maintains regulatory oversight of tribal casinos and licensed card rooms, reviews and investigates the qualifications of gambling license applicants, monitors licensee conduct, and ensures that gambling activities are conducted fairly and are free from criminal and corruptive elements.

The BGC carries out its mission through the following program areas:

• o ensure the integrity of gambling in California.''

- Compliance and Enforcement
- Tribal Licensing
- Cardroom Licensing
- Audits
- Special Programs (e.g., charitable gambling, patron exclusion, criminal intelligence)

The BGC maintains a regulatory environment that promotes compliance, allows business to be conducted as efficiently as possible, builds and strengthens relationships, and effectively administers and supports regulatory and enforcement activities.<sup>1</sup>

The BGC continued to protect the public though its regulatory presence in the state's card room and tribal gaming industries in addition to conducting numerous field enforcement and licensing investigations. Due to the significant dedication and commitment of its staff members, the Compliance and Enforcement Section closed 278 investigations and effected 47 arrests. The arrests targeted organized groups engaged in

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>I</sup> Core Lines of Business Nos. I - 2 and 4 - 12.

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major crimes such as narcotic distribution, loan sharking, bookmaking, embezzlement and counterfeiting. The Licensing Section completed 3,312 suitability investigations relating to card rooms and Third Party registration businesses which include license types added by the Governor's Reorganization Plan II and 804 suitability investigations dealing with tribal gaming employees. The Licensing Section also completed highly complex investigations of resource suppliers to tribal casinos, with five such cases closed this year.

#### Significant Accomplishments Exclusion Management System (Responsible Gambling and Self-Exclusion Program and Charitable Gambling Program)

The Bureau's Responsible Gambling Program completed the Exclusion Management System (EMS) and the training for licensed gambling establishments that wish to use the EMS. The EMS is a web-based database that allows problem gamblers, authorized government agencies, law enforcement agencies, licensed gambling establishments and Bureau staff to upload statewide exclusions. In addition, qualified nonprofit organizations may apply for registration via the EMS. The records maintained in this database include forms for Charitable Gambling Registration and Statewide Exclusion forms, a list of California licensed gambling establishments and user registration applications. All records are uploaded, edited and maintained by Bureau staff. Seventy-five of the 90 operating card rooms are actively using the EMS. The Exclusion Program consists of Self-Exclusions, Self-Restrictions and Involuntary Exclusions. The EMS was designed to streamline the entire process for both the Charitable Gambling Program and the Exclusion Program. During FY 2013-14, the Bureau enrolled 639 Self Exclusions and registered 465 Charitable Organizations for charitable gambling events.



#### **Commercial Burglary Investigation**

BGC agents initiated an investigation into a subject reportedly on probation for identity theft, who gambled substantial sums of money, even though he had no identifiable employment. Due to the subject's use of counter-surveillance driving techniques, agents obtained a search warrant to place a tracking device on his vehicle. Global Positioning System information identified 19 locations where the subject used third party credit card information without their permission as he purchased iPads and other merchandise. Further investigation revealed that the subject may have been obtaining personal information by mail theft and using that information to apply for new credit cards in the victims' names. On April 30, 2014, the subject pleaded to a felony violation of Penal Code section 459, Commercial Burglary, was sentenced to one year in county jail, and is facing deportation to Nigeria by the United States Government.

#### Insurance Broker Steals \$172,000 from Tribal Casino

BGC was contacted by Casino Pauma in regard to the theft of over \$170,000 by the tribe's insurance broker. On January 31, 2014, after an extensive, 18-month investi-gation by BGC agents and investigative auditors, in conjunction with the Department of Insurance and the San Diego District Attorney's Office, the subject was charged in the San Diego Superior Court with several felony offenses, including multiple counts of Insurance Code section 1733, Theft of Funds by Fiduciary; Penal Code section 506, Embezzlement; and multiple counts of Penal Code section 487 (a), Grand Theft. The suspect was subsequently convicted and sentenced to 16 months in state prison and ordered to pay \$174,077.93 in criminal restitution and a civil fine of \$300.

#### Executive Director Embezzled Money from Indian Human Resource Center to Gamble

BGC initiated an investigation into the Indian Human Resource Center (IHRC), a local non-profit organization serving the Native American Community. According to IHRC bank records, large cash withdrawals were taking place at local Tribal Casinos. An investigation revealed that IHRC's Executive Director was embezzling money from the IHRC Bank Accounts and gambling with those funds at local casinos. On March 28, 2013, the subject was indicted by a federal grand jury in the Southern District of California for Theft From a Program Receiving Federal Funds in violation of Title 18 U.S.C. Section 666(a)(1)(A) and an arrest warrant was issued. On April 25, 2013, BGC agents arrested the subject and turned him over to the U.S. Marshal's Service for booking into a federal correctional facility. The suspect was subsequently convicted of Penal Code section 459, Commercial Burglary, and is awaiting sentencing.

#### "World's Most Famous Gambler" Arrested

In July 2013, the BGC received a request to assist the Barona Tribal Casino with a card marking case. BGC agents met with the Casino Tribal Gaming Agency and casino investigators. Surveillance captured the suspect marking cards at the blackjack table and successfully cheating the casino out of over \$8,000 but the casino was unable to identify the suspect. The BGC agents immediately began developing the case through surveillance, Multi-State Intelligence Bulletins through the BGC Intelligence Unit,

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Biometrica and the Nevada Gaming Control Board.



BGC agents identified the suspect as a world-famous poker player according to several media sources and industry-related people in Las Vegas. The BGC confirmed the subject's address in Las Vegas, Nevada, and worked extensively with the Nevada Gaming Control Board (NGCB), Special Investigations and Intelligence Unit. The BGC agents also confirmed that the subject frequents California Tribal Casinos and California Card Rooms. BGC agents, working with a specially-assigned San Diego Deputy District Attorney, obtained a felony arrest warrant for the subject and obtained a search warrant for his residence in Las Vegas, Nevada. In September 2013, the BGC, with the assistance of the Nevada Gaming Control Board, Special Investigations and Intelligence Unit executed the search warrant and arrested the subject. On November 12, 2014, the suspect pleaded guilty to Penal Code section 459, Commercial Burglary. He was sentenced to three years probation and ordered to pay \$6,860 in restitution.

#### BGC Agents Seize Firearms from Convicted Felons

In March 2014, the BGC requested assistance from the Los Angeles Interagency Metropolitan Police Apprehension Crime Task Force (LA IMPACT) Group 18 with probation searches and interviews of subjects regarding the fraudulent use and subsequent theft involving an ATM machine at the Hollywood Park Casino. The BGC conducted a probation search of the suspect's residence. An additional resident was identified as being on probation for multiple violations involving narcotics and prostitution. The probation search revealed the subjects were in possession of three



firearms. The terms of their respective conditions of probation prohibited them from possessing firearms. Both subjects were arrested and booked into jail.

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#### Documented Violent Transnational Gang Member Arrested by BGC Agents

BGC Agents were asked to assist a Tribal Police Department with an investigation into a documented member of a violent transnational street gang who committed check fraud at a Tribal Casino. The BGC agents identified the suspect, conducted follow-up with the banking institution, and arrested the subject at his residence for burglary and forgery. BGC agents booked him into county jail on two felony counts. The suspect subsequently pleaded guilty to Penal Code Section 459, Commercial Burglary and was sentenced to two years in county jail.

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### **Casework Requests Completed**

	North	ern Cal	ifornia	1 S	Southern California			
Opened Case Activities	FR	RE	SC		LA	RI	SD	Total
Background	0	0	0		0	0	0	0
Cardroom Criminal	5	0	10		2	13	3	33
Cardroom Inspection	6	3	25		16	L	5	56
General Law Enforcement	10	0	15		5	11	0	41
Tribal Compact Inspection	I	11	18		0	13	10	53
Tribal Criminal	0	37	27		0	6	16	86
Total Opened Case Activities	22	51	95		23	44	34	269
Closed Case Activities								
Background	0	0	0		0	0	0	0
Cardroom Criminal	7	0	10		I	15	2	35
Cardroom Inspection	9	3	23		19	2	4	60
General Law Enforcement	12	I.	19		2	8	0	42
Tribal Compact Inspection	2	12	13		0	12	11	50
Tribal Criminal	0	38	37		0	2	14	91
Total Closed Case Activities	30	54	102		22	39	31	278
Enforcement Activities								
Accusations	0	0	2		0	0	0	2
Arrest Warrants Issued	0	0	8		I	5	4	18
Indictments Issued	0	0	0		0	0	0	0
Search Warrants Executed	2	0	17		I	0	2	22
Subpoenas	0	0	0		0	0	0	0
Total Arrests	0	6	21		2	5	13	47
Mailings					1			
Cardroom Letters of Warning	0	0	13		9	2	3	27
Tribal Inspection Letters	0	9	19		0	22	28	78
Complaints							· · · · · ·	
Cardroom	21	I	20		37	I	5	85
General Law Enforcement	3	I			16	14	I	46
Tribal	5	7			2	16	10	51

<b>BGC</b> Offices			
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	БСТ		Unices
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## **Productivity Comparison Statistics**

Personnel in FY 13-14			
Sworn: 37 Professional: 107			
Case Activities	FY 11-12	FY 12-13	FY 13-14
Background Invesigations	0	0	0
Cardroom Criminal	4	33	35
Cardroom Inspection	64	90	60
General Law Enforcement	24	42	42
Tribal Compact Inspection	62	52	50
Tribal Criminal	77	109	91
<b>Enforcement Actions</b>			
Accusations	9	2	2
Arrest Warrants Issued	17	30	18
Indictments Issued	8	4	0
Search Warrants Executed	6	30	22
Subpoenas	0	7	0
Total Arrests	69	51	47
Mailings			
Cardroom Letters of Warning	46	29	27
Tribal Inspection Letters	64	78	78
Complaints			
Cardroom	50	87	85
General Law Enforcement	42	85	46
Tribal	82	70	51
Seizures/Evidence			
Cocaine (grams)	0.31	8	0
Ecstacy (pills)	0	4	0
Illegal Slot Machines	11	11	I
Marijuana (pounds)	0	2	6
Methamphetamine (grams)	3	10	64
Money (evidence)	\$19,561.85	\$285,086.00	\$433.50
Weapons	0	26	4

#### Personnel in FY 13-14

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Applications and Contracts	FY 11-12	FY 12-13	FY 13-14
Cardroom Owner/Work Permit/Games	1,089	1,130	1,102
Providers of Third Party Proposition Players/ Gambling Business	862	600	3,346*
Tribal Key Employees	939	1,004	850
Vendors	218	186	260
Special Programs: Intelligence Unit			
Intelligence Assists	8		12
Intelligence Bulletins Distributed	23	13	16
Intelligence Projects	2		0
Charitable Gaming Programs			
Gambling Equipment/Service Suppliers (Registered)	109	107	112
Non-Profit Organizations (Registered)	492	479	465
Miscellaneous			
Compliance & Enforcement Section Closed Cases	241	326	278
Compliance & Enforcement Section Total Arrests	69	51	47
Law Enforcement Bulletins	23	13	16
New/Modified Games Approval	297	269	375
Tribal Casino Employee Background Investigations Completed	825	705	850

\*This includes registrant license types which had not been reported in previous years.

## **B**UREAU OF **INVESTIGATION**



Through leadership and innovative programs, the Bureau of Investigation (BI) works to enhance public safety by focusing law enforcement efforts in the areas of organized crime, major crimes, drug trafficking, consumer fraud protection, cyber-crimes, and any criminal or civil action of statewide importance to the Attorney General. The mission of the BI is carried out through the following programs and units:

 Special Operations Unit (SOU) – The SOU assists law enforcement agencies statewide by coordinating

sophisticated investigations of organized crime, tracking and apprehending violent fugitives, and locating missing persons who are believed to be the victims of violent crime.

- Task Force Program Through its 26 multijurisdictional task forces, the BI collaborates with more than 100 local law enforcement agencies and, in some jurisdictions, other state and federal agencies, to coordinate investigations targeting major crimes, drug trafficking, and transnational gangs. This program was reduced to 19 task forces in FY 2013-14.
- Special Investigations Team (SIT) The SIT investigates a broad array of complex criminal activity including public corruption, civil rights violations, fraud, habeas litigation and conflicts of interest. One sub-unit of the SIT works with the California State Water Resources Control Board to investigate fraud relative to the Underground Storage Tank Program. The SIT employs a vertical prosecution model working in conjunction with Deputy Attorneys General to prosecute suspects.

To provide leadership, coordination, and support to law enforcement by providing exemplary and innovative investigative services."

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- Anti-Terrorism Program The BI participates in state and regional intelligence and fusion centers comprised of local, state, and federal agencies dedicated to preventing, preparing, and responding to strategic threats while preserving individual privacy and constitutional rights.
- Recycle Fraud Program Working with the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, this unit investigates major fraud perpetrated against the California Redemption Value (CRV) program.
- Foreign Prosecutions and Law Enforcement Unit (FPLEU) The FPLEU assists state and local law enforcement agencies with the location and prosecution of Mexican nationals who are accused of committing violent crimes and fleeing to Mexico to avoid arrest and prosecution in California. The FPLEU is the sole state program responsible for the recovery of familial abductions to Mexico, as part of the Hague Convention. This program also handles all Article IV matters as the liaison program to foreign governments.
- Underground Economy In partnership with the BOE, this program focuses enforcement efforts on underground economy and tax evasion.
- eCrimes Unit The eCrimes Unit investigates crimes involving the use of technology, and identity theft.
- Mortgage Fraud Strike Force This program investigated crimes related to

mortgage, foreclosure and real estate fraud. During FY 2013-14, the program was abolished. All mortgage fraud investigations were absorbed into the SIT program.

- Electronic Waste (eWaste) Working with the CalRecycle, this unit investigates major fraud perpetrated against California's Electronic Waste Recycling Act.
- Campaign Against Marijuana Planting (CAMP) – The CAMP eradicates largescale illegal marijuana cultivations from public and private lands that pose a danger to citizens and cause deforestation, damage wildlife habitats, and produce hazardous-chemical pollution.
- Southwest Border Anti-Money Laundering Alliance – Works to enhance and better coordinate investigations and prosecutions of money laundering along California's southwest border.
- Los Angeles Regional Criminal Information Clearinghouse (LACLEAR) – The LACLEAR provides strategic investigative research and analysis, tactical case and special operations support, electronic surveillance services, and real-time officer safety-related operational intelligence 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- Western States Information Network (WSIN) – As one of six Regional Information Sharing System (RISS) projects funded by Congress through the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, the WSIN provides

criminal intelligence information and case and event de-confliction for law enforcement investigations being conducted in Alaska, California, Hawaii, Oregon, and Washington.

- California Border Alliance Group/San Diego Law Enforcement Coordination Center (SD LECC) – The SD LECC provides responsive event de-confliction, case/subject de-confliction, case support, intelligence fusion, and predictive analyses.
- Law Enforcement Intelligence Unit (LEIU) The LEIU provides leadership and promotes professionalism in the criminal intelligence community in order to protect public safety and constitutional rights.
- Clandestine Laboratory Coordination Program (Clan Lab) – The Clan Lab Program eliminates the domestic production of controlled substances, such as methamphetamine and PCP, and provides training and certification to personnel responding to these dangerous operations.
- Controlled Chemical Substance Program (CCSP) – The CCSP monitors purchases and transfers of chemicals and glassware used to manufacture controlled substances.

During FY 2013-14, the BI's investigative programs opened 241 investigations and arrested or assisted in the arrest of 159 individuals. The SOU conducted or assisted with 110 arrests. The BITask Force Program conducted 1,996 felony arrests, 76 misdemeanor arrests, and 357 electronic intercepts.

## Significant Accomplishments Drug Trafficking Investigation/ Task Force Program

Task Force Officers (TFOs) with the Inland Crackdown Allied Task Force (INCA) conducted surveillance at a Home Depot in the city of Indio. Based on their observations, the TFOs suspected two vehicles had been used to transport narcotics from Mexico into California and a residence in Perris was being used to unload contraband.

With assistance from the Riverside County Sheriff's Department, the vehicles were stopped and the subjects detained. After obtaining a search warrant, TFOs located and seized 13 packages of heroin with a total weight of approximately 75.08 lbs. It was determined that the heroin had been packed inside the tires of one of the vehicles and the subjects had used the equipment located inside the garage to dismount the tires, remove the steel "wheel traps" containing the packages, and remount the tires. TFOs observed additional wheels and tires inside the garage, indicating that the same method of smuggling had been previously performed at this location. Both subjects were arrested, transported, and booked into the Riverside County Sheriff's Southwest Justice Center for a violation of Health and Safety Code section 11351.

## Methamphetamine Investigation/ Task Force Program

In May 2013, Los Angeles IMPACT (LAI) Group 18 conducted an investigation into a drug trafficking organization (DTO) suspected of distributing large amounts of methamphetamine. This case began with

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a traffic stop by the California Highway Patrol in which 20 pounds of methamphetamine was seized. Subsequent investigation revealed the DTO was making frequent roundtrips from the Los Angeles area to Northern California. In the months that followed, LAI investigators partnered with the West Contra Costa County Narcotic Enforcement Team in an attempt to identify key DTO members and locations related to this criminal enterprise. During this time, significant seizures were made by LAI and WestNET investigators, including a 400 pound methamphetamine seizure.

LAI investigators then partnered with the US Department of Homeland Security Investigations, which initiated a Title III Wire-tap investigation named "Operation Road Trip II". At the conclusion of this collaborative operation, there were a total of 59 arrests and over 1,100 pounds of methamphetamine, 48 firearms, 10 vehicles,



and approximately \$1.82 million in U.S. currency seized. This investigation was recognized by the California Attorney General as one of the most significant investigations involving methamphetamine in Northern California's history.



#### Marijuana Investigation/Task Force Program

In the summer of 2013, the Central Valley Marijuana Investigation Team (CVMIT) initiated an investigation into a suspect for cultivating and distributing marijuana. The investigation revealed that the suspect was distributing marijuana to several states using the US Postal Service. During November 2013, CVMIT received new investigative leads that revealed the suspect was also the source of methamphetamine for the Nuestra Familia street gang operating out of the Hanford area.

Between November 2013 and March 2014, CVMIT agents conducted an extensive investigation into the suspect and his DTO. During the investigation, agents discovered the suspect was obtaining methamphetamine and cocaine from sources in Mexico, then sending the narcotics to Pennsylvania, Georgia, Arkansas, Tennessee and New York. The narcotics were transported to the different states hidden in farm equipment and transported by a national trucking company. The proceeds from the narcotic sales were then deposited into bank accounts in the different states and withdrawn by DTO members in California. CVMIT agents were able to contact law enforcement in the different states to assist with the investigation.

In March 2014, CVMIT agents, the Tulare County Sheriff's Office and Tulare County Agencies Regional Gang Enforcement Team served search warrants on DTO members and bank accounts associated with the organization. Throughout the investigation, agents served 43 search warrants and seized 56 pounds of methamphetamine, four kilos of cocaine, 942 marijuana plants, \$265,100 in US currency, and one vehicle. A total of 12 subjects were arrested and charged with narcotic violations. Eight subjects are pending federal charges for money structuring. The investigation has been submitted to the United States Attorney's Office for review of federal adoption.

## Pharmaceutical Investigation/ Task Force Program

On March 27, 2013, San Diego RxNet agents observed a male subject shipping controlled prescription drugs (CPDs) from a UPS store located in Chula Vista. It was difficult to follow the subject because he was utilizing counter-surveillance techniques before and after shipping parcels from the UPS store necessitating the use of various investigative techniques. During the investigation, two arrests were made and two tons of marijuana, along with 7,348 CPDs, were seized. On April 3, 2014, San Diego RxNET, California Department of Justice Anti-Money Laundering Task Force, and Drug Enforcement Administration Tactical Diversion Squad agents executed two state search warrants. The first search warrant was executed at the subject's new apartment, which was being used as a pill storage and processing site for his operation. At this location, agents encountered four adults and four children. Additionally, five vehicles and over approximately 10,000 CPDs were seized. The second search warrant was executed at the subject's residence without incident. Agents arrested the subject along with his ex-wife, relocated four children varying in ages from 2 to 16 years of age to Child Protective Services, and seized approximately \$6,000 in U.S. currency and two vehicles.

## Heroin Investigation/Task Force Program

In January 2014, LAI Group 21 initiated an investigation into a money laundering organization (MLO) and DTO after developing intelligence on the operation. The investigation enabled investigators to author a search warrant for a primary





subject's address in the city of Paramount. Upon service of the warrant, LAI investigators discovered 25 pounds of Mexican brown heroin, \$19,000 in U.S. currency and two firearms. Further investigation led investigators to a location where another 51 pounds of Mexican brown heroin was recovered. This investigation had a significant impact on the recent importation of heroin into the United States.

## Cocaine Investigation/Task Force Program

In January 2014, L.A. IMPACT (LAI) Groups I and 2 assisted Homeland Security Investigations – San Diego with a controlled delivery operation. Surveillance was conducted at a shopping center in the city of Irvine. LAI investigators observed a Honda station wagon, occupied by a male and female, arrive and subsequently hand off two duffle bags containing suspected narcotics from another motorist. The vehicle briefly left the scene but soon returned.

A second vehicle driven by a male then arrived and received the same two duffle bags from the couple in the Honda station wagon. The car was then followed from the shopping center at which time LAI investigators coordinated a traffic stop of the vehicle with the California Highway Patrol (CHP). During the traffic stop, CHP officers recovered 180 pounds of cocaine and the suspect was arrested.

## Lab Explosion/Task Force Program

In April 2014, L.A. IMPACT (LAI) Group 12 was contacted by the Los Angeles Sheriff's Office – Narcotics Bureau regarding a possible butane honey oil (BHO) lab at a residence in the city of Malibu. Upon arrival, LAI investigators met with Los Angeles County Fire officials who relayed that they responded to a fire call and saw the location was on fire. A search warrant was obtained for the location by LAI investigators who donned protective equipment and entered the residence. The residential structure was still smoldering and numerous butane cans were seen in the carport area outside the kitchen along with several extraction tubes and a bag of a green leafy substance resembling marijuana. A metal extraction device was found inside the residence as well as another one inside a vehicle that was parked in the driveway.



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A vehicle owned by the suspect was searched and found to contain several plastic containers containing a tan colored substance which appeared to be BHO that had been processed using a vacuum technique. There were also several bags of similar quantities of a green leafy substance resembling marijuana bud. In total, four pounds of hashish, 50 pounds of marijuana and one handgun were seized from the location. LAI investigators discovered that the suspect had gone to a neighbor's house after his residence had caught fire. The suspect was severely burned. He was treated at the scene by paramedics and airlifted to Los Angeles Medical Center, USC.

#### **Operation Cash Cow**

LAI Groups 18 and 21 initiated "Operation Cash Cow" following the arrest of an individual found to have a large amount of drug-related currency destined to be "laundered" in the Los Angeles Garment District. This investigation developed into an invaluable, long-term investigative partnership with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Investigations – Los Angeles, which initiated a joint federal investigation targeting money laundering and trade-based fraud in the garment district and surrounding areas.

In September 2014, during a multi-law enforcement agency takedown operation, over 50 search and arrest warrants involving over 1,000 law enforcement officers were executed in the Los Angeles Garment District and other areas of Southern California. As a result of the extensive, long-term investigation, culminated with over 60





arrests and seizures of approximately 150 pounds of cocaine, 407 pounds of methamphetamine, 136 pounds of heroin, 31 firearms, and seizures of cash/bank account totaling approximately \$142,000,000 in trade-based fraud and narcotics related assets. This joint investigation between local, state and federal law enforcement agencies resulted in the one of the most significant illicit money seizures in U.S. history.



## Campaign Against Marijuana Planting

Four Campaign Against Marijuana Planting (CAMP) teams were operational from July 7, 2013, through September 30, 2014, for marijuana plant eradication and reclamation operations in 33 counties across California. Entries were made into 322 illegal marijuana grow sites, 52 percent of which were located on public lands, designated forests, and wildlife refuge, conservation and preserve areas. Approximately 833,966 marijuana plants were eradicated and 9,704 pounds of processed marijuana seized, and 67 arrests were made by law enforcement agencies at these sites along with the seizure of 38 weapons.

CAMP operations continued the land reclamation effort. This year, reclamations totaled 235 nets filled with over 67.941 pounds of illegal marijuana cultivation infrastructure including 10,702 pounds of fertilizer, 157,460 yards of water line, 1,420 pounds of propane tanks, and 27 vehicle batteries. Additionally, 185 illegal dams and reservoirs were destroyed or reduced to allow streams to flow back to the natural watershed. Reclamation operations also removed 50 pounds of extremely hazardous restricted-use poisons along with 88 pounds of pesticides from California lands. These poisons kill wildlife indiscriminately, leach into the soil and eventually contaminate the water table, potentially causing irreparable damage.

These reclamation efforts would not have been possible without the tireless efforts of the county, state and federal law enforcement agents, California Air and Army National Guardsmen and the skilled helicopter pilots that make up the unified effort of the CAMP program.

### **Foreign Prosecution Unit**

In August 2013, two children were identified as being illegally removed from the United States by a suspect identified as their mother. The suspect fled to the Republic of Mexico and refused to return the children although she was in violation of a court order issued by the Superior Court of Los Angeles. The children, who are both United States citizens, were living with the suspect in Calupulalpan, Tlaxcala, Mexico.

In September 2013, a Hague application was filed with the Mexican Central Authority (SRE) by Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office on behalf of the children's father and the two victims. On June 3, 2014, a hearing was held in family court in the State of Tlaxcala, were a violation of the Hague Treaty was determined by the judge and the victims were ordered returned to the United States. The victims were represented by a private attorney who traveled with the children, along with an uncle back to Tijuana, Mexico.

Agents from the FPLEU were asked to assist with the return and border crossing of both victims and their attorney. FPLEU agents contacted Customs and Border Protection – Office of Enforcement in order to coordinate the return of the victims and the attorney. Both victims returned to the United States and were reunited with their father.

## Special Investigations Team (SIT) Program

On June 27, 2014, Agents from the BI Los Angeles Regional Office, US DOJ Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (BATFE), the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and CA Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) Investigations Division, and the Santa Monica Police Department (SMPD), executed search and arrest warrants on a subject, his residence, business and vehicles. The warrants were the culmination of a three-month collaborative undercover investigation involving the subject's illegal activity. The allegations included unlawful access to California DMV databases and the California Law Enforcement Telecommunication System (CLETS), impersonating federal law enforcement personnel, illegal importation, sales of assault weapons, and receiving stolen property.

The SMPD conducted a traffic stop of the subject as he left his residence to drive to work. The subject was driving a late model GMC Yukon equipped with emergency lights, siren, and other law enforcement type equipment. The subject was armed with a handgun; however, he was safely arrested following the stop and booked at the SMPD jail for his outstanding warrant. Once he was in custody, agents executed the search warrant at his residence. The suspect's "attack" trained Belgian Malinois had to be safely secured by LA City Animal Services personnel before the search.

As a result of the search warrant, 16 firearms, which included five assault rifles, five handguns, and other assorted rifles and shotguns, were seized. Additional items seized included 12 law enforcement radios, most of which were programmed with law enforcement and fire department frequencies, counterfeit Los Angeles County court documents, and various items of police paraphernalia, including badges, patches, clothing, tasers, and pepper spray. Also seized was a fully-equipped and marked CA Highway Patrol patrol vehicle that bore California exempt plates.

## Mortgage Fraud Investigation/ Special Investigations Team Program

In 2011, agents with the Fresno Regional Office, Special Investigations Team (SIT) began investigating a statewide housing scheme run by several individuals who used adverse possession laws to fraudulently seize at least 23 homes in nine counties. The alleged scheme was uncovered when the true owner of a residence in Santa Barbara County sought an equity loan in 2010 and contacted a title company in order to determine if there were any liens against her property. The true owner was notified that a different individual was listed as the deed holder of the residence in July of that year through documents filed by an attorney. After seeking assistance from the Legal Aid Foundation of Santa Barbara County, a court determined that the subject's claim to the property was fraudulent and restored ownership of the residence to the original true owner.

For two and a half years, agents worked closely with a Deputy Attorney General from the Fresno Attorney General's office to investigate and identify the individuals responsible for this ongoing mortgage fraud scheme and to prepare the case for prosecution. Since 2006, the suspects worked with two lawyers to identify seemingly abandoned residential properties and file for adverse possession of the property in court in order to obtain title. Once the suspects obtained ownership, the property would then be repaired and typically sold or rented.

On January 15, 2014, agents with the BI's Fresno, Los Angeles, Sacramento and San Francisco regional offices served five search warrants at the suspects' residences and a law firm office. Personnel from the BFS Fresno laboratory assisted in processing the scenes. Numerous items of evidence that are connected to the investigation were located and seized. As a result of the long term investigation, five individuals were taken into custody on arrest warrants totaling approximately 288 felony counts, including perjury, filing false court records and preparing false evidence. The suspects, along with their attorneys, were arrested and booked into the Fresno County Jail with bail amounts ranging from \$27,500 to \$1,795,000. The suspects face restitution payments of at least \$3.5 million.

## Methamphetamine Investigation/ Task Force Program

In March 2013, the Fresno Methamphetamine Task Force (FMTF) initiated a major trafficker investigation into several individuals who were suspected of smuggling and selling large quantities of crystal methamphetamine (ice) in the Fresno area. During



the investigation, FMTF determined these suspects were associated with a much larger DTO that had ties to individuals in Los Angeles and Michoacán, Mexico. The investigation further revealed the individuals in Mexico were responsible for coordinating the movement and sale of the methamphetamine once it had been transported into the United States. As the investigation progressed, FMTF determined the DTO was not only smuggling and selling methamphetamine in solid and liquid forms, but also involved in the clandestine conversion of methamphetamine dissolved in solution into its final crystal ice form. Intelligence identified "La Familia Michoacána" and "The Knights Templar'' as the dominant drug cartels currently in control of drug trafficking in the Michoacán region of Mexico.

During the next few months, multiple arrests were made in connection with the investigation. On August 16, 2013, a subject was arrested for transportation and possession for sale of methamphetamine. Multiple subjects were arrested for possession of methamphetamine after meeting with a

various source of supplies in Los Angeles and Montebello. On October 2, 2013, FMTF served four search warrants in the Fresno-Clovis area and one in Montebello. During the service of the search warrants, an operational ice conversion lab was located. FMTF clandestine lab investigators estimated this lab was capable of producing over 100 pounds of methamphetamine ice per week, which has a monthly street value in excess of \$2 million. In addition to the evidence seized and arrests made during the service of the search warrants, FMTF coordinated several other significant activities that were crucial in reaching the investigation's ultimate success.

As a result of this investigation, FMTF seized a fully operational ice conversion lab, over 150 pounds of methamphetamine in liquid and ice form, several handguns, illegal assault weapons, over 10,000 rounds of ammunition and arrested 12 individuals associated with the DTO.

### **Gang Investigation**

During the months of October and November 2013, the Bureau of Investigation, Fresno Regional Office, Special Operations Unit worked in partnership with the Kings County Gang Task Force conducting an investigation targeting the Nuestra Familia and local Norteño street gangs. During the investigation, agents and investigators arrested 17 gang members and associates for crimes ranging from attempted murder, vehicle theft, conspiracy to distribute narcotics, welfare fraud, child endangerment, weapons possession, and participation in a criminal street gang. On November 20, 2013, more than 100 agents, local and federal law enforcement officers served 14 search warrants and an additional 15 arrest warrants on primary suspects not arrested during the initial investigation. The primary suspects included the regiment commander of the Nuestra Familia for Kings County, the entire security and financial crew for Kings County, and the supporting Norteño gang members. The primary subjects were charged with conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine and cocaine, conspiracy to commit arson, felon in possession of firearms, and welfare fraud. As a result of the investigation, 21 pounds of methamphetamine, 15 pounds of marijuana, 4.7 grams of cocaine, 16 firearms (including five assault rifles) and approximately \$8,900 in US currency were seized.

## **Gang Investigation**

On July 17, 2013, a gang member was killed by a fellow gang member in Berkeley. As a result of the killing, members of the gang visited one of the locations at which the subject resided in order to confront him. When the gang members arrived at the residence, they opened fire through the security screen door striking the subject's mother and two children, and fatally shooting an eight-year-old girl who was visiting. However, the subject was not at the location. On September 8, 2013, the gang member who shot through the security screen door robbed and killed another fellow gang member. The seven-year-old nephew of the shooter became the main witness against him. Intercepted text messages also provided crucial evidence against the shooter.

On September 10, 2013, the Oakland Police Department (OPD) and the Alameda County District Attorney's Office requested the assistance of the California Department of Justice, Bureau of Investigation, Fresno Regional Office, Special Operations Unit. SOU agents arrived the following day and began working with the OPD, Berkeley PD and Alameda County DA's office to build charges against the gang members for the death of eight-year-old girl, the attempted murder of the children and the July 17, 2013 murder. SOU agents worked with OPD and Berkeley PD to conduct specialized surveillance techniques to establish overt acts and chargeable offenses. During the course of the investigation, agents assisted by OPD and Berkeley PD prevented three murder attempts against rival gang targets. Agents also developed chargeable offenses against non-cooperating witnesses. Several of the murder attempts were thwarted by uniformed police officers who initiated contact with the shooters as they approached their targets. This resulted in several foot pursuits and car chases with suspects discarding their firearms before being captured. During the operation, two



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associated gang members were arrested at a fellow gang member's funeral after SOU agents identified them as being armed and preparing for retaliation.

Search and arrest warrants for the murder of the eight-year-old victim, along with the attempted murder of the children, were served on September 27 and 28, 2013, by DOJ Agents, OPD and Berkeley PD. Five gang members were arrested and one was taken into custody in Houston, Texas. The operation was a success as all parties involved or associated with the murder of the eight-year-old victim were charged and arrested.

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## **Task Force Statistics**

Task Force	Felony Arrests	Misdemeanor Arrests	Search Warrants	Weapons Seized	Electronic Intercepts	US. Currency Seized
Campaign Against Marijuana Planting (CAMP)	56	0	0	63	0	\$0.00
Central Valley Marijuana Investigation Team (CVMIT)	34	0	75	30	77	\$372,205.00
Fresno Methamphetamine Task Force (FMTF)	33	I	20	7	33	\$96,179.00
Inland Crackdown Allied Task Force (INCA)	71	0	18	22	0	\$1,173,188.00
Los Angeles Metropolitan Police Apprehension Crime Team (LA IMPACT)	354	2	357	84	0	\$30,033,742.89
Madera Narcotic Task Force (MADNET)	103	3	128	78	0	\$839,702.00
Mendocino Major Crimes Task Force (MMCTF)	303	12	208	174	0	\$2,267,394.40
Merced Multi-Agency Narcotic Task Force (MMNTF)	121	4	84	26	169	\$463,879.00
Monterey County Task Force (STING)*	10	I	22	13	0	\$20,670.00
Mountain and Valley Marijuana Investigation Team (MAVMIT)	96	0	300	70	35	\$3,866,644.92
North State Marijuana Investigation Team (NSMIT)	16	0	62	69	0	\$214,047.00
Placer Law Enforcement Special Investigation Unit (PLEASIU)	4	9	224	39	32	\$415,425.00
San Diego Regional Pharmaceutical Narcotic Enforcement (R×NET)	29	I	15	0	I	\$14,328.00
Santa Barbara Regional Narcotic Enforcement Team (SBRNET)	40	3	23	8	0	\$18,269.96
Santa Clara Specialized Enforcement Team (SCCSET)	163	15	88	23	2	\$218,966.00
Siskiyou Countywide Interagency Narcotic Task Force (SCINTF)		5	48	46	0	\$396,478.00
Southern Alameda County Major Crimes TF (SACMCTF)	134	17	157	60	0	\$166,851.46
Tulare County Regional Gang Enforcement Team (TARGET)	75	2	69	37	6	\$35,579.00
Unified Narcotic Enforcement Team (UNET)	64	0	64	37	0	\$46,618.05
West Contra Costa County Narcotic Enforcement Team (WestNET)	69	I	92	14	2	\$966,271.48

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## **Task Force Statistics**

Task Forces	Cocaine HCL	Cocaine Base	Heroin	Opium	Processed Marijuana	Marijuana Indoor- plants	Marijuana Outdoor- plants
Campaign Against Marijuana (CAMP)	0	0	0	0	6,500	0	939,722
Central Valley Marijuana Investigation Team (CVMIT)	118.8	0	0	0	1410.72	558	112,379
Fresno Methamphetamine Task Force (FMTF)	2.77	0	3.10	0	192.32	93	0
Inland Crackdown Allied Task Force (INCA)	839.1	0	90.26	0	933.62	0	135
Los Angeles Metropolitan Police Apprehension Crime Team (LAIMPACT)	1667.80	0.03	332.05	98.37	43089.76	2,373	240
Madera Narcotic Task Force (MADNET)	10.70		0.24	22.02	1560.77	2,829	123,840
Mendocino Major Crimes Task Force (MMCTF)	0.36	0.26	0.51	0	4,845.13	9,994	8,814
Merced Multi-agency Narcotic Task Force (MMNTF)	19.82	0.01	0	4.75	508.54	1,515	6,863
Monterey County Task Force (STING)*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mountain and Valley Marijuana Investigation Team (MAVMIT)	0.01	0.06	0.21	0	1,475.84	6,956	74,302
North State Marijuana Investigation Team (NSMIT)	0		0	0	2,735.97	200	173,144
Placer Law Enforcement Special Investigation Unit (PLEASIU)	0	1.28	0.72	3.55	223.01	442	4,  4
San Diego Regional Pharmaceutical Narcotic Enforcement Team (R×NET)	0.00		0.15	0	0	0	0
Santa Barbara Regional Narcotic Enforcement Team (SBRNET)	1.47		0.08	0	0	53	5,738
Santa Clara Specialized Enforcement Team (SCCSET)	0.29	4.58	1.17	0	879.01	856	0
Siskiyou Countywide Interagency Narcotic Task Force (SCINTF)	0.02		0.072	0	309.38	0	0
Southern Alameda County Major Crimes Task Force (SACMCTF)	0.22		0.30	0	152.90	6,445	281
Tulare County Area Gang Enforcement Team (TARGET)			I	0	107.96	50	578
Unified Narcotic Enforcement Team (UNET)	0.08	0.61	0.10	0	85.34	3,302	37,444
West Contra Costa County Narcotic Enforcement Team (WestNET)	0.48	0.00	0	0	0	1,734	592

\*Started 4/2014

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## **Task Force Statistics**

Task Forces	Hashish	Meth ICE	Meth Solution	Mushroom	LSD (Dosage Units)	MDMA (Dosage Units)
Campaign Against Marijuana (CAMP)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Central Valley Marijuana Investigation Team (CVMIT)	0	574.074	251	0	0	0
Fresno Methamphetamine Task Force (FMTF)	5.086	161.77	17.25	0	0	0
Inland Crackdown Allied Task Force (INCA)	0	580.44	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles Metropolitan Police Apprehension Crime Team (LAIMPACT)	10904.8	2152.656	66.36	0	0	612
Madera Narcotic Task Force (MADNET)	0.7019	69.11	0	0	0	I
Mendocino Major Crimes Task Force (MMCTF)	6.8354	5.23	0	0.148	7	5
Merced Multi-agency Narcotic Task Force (MMNTF)	0.1577	99.77	0	0	0	79
Monterey CountyTask Force (STING)*	0	0.979	0	0	0	0
Mountain and Valley Marijuana Investigative Team (MAVMIT)	0	8. 9	0	0	2	60
North State Marijuana Investigation Team (NSMIT)	0.0064	0	0	0	0	0
Placer Law Enforcement Special Investigation Unit (PLEASIU)	l 6.68	61.09	0	0.00526	0	99.5
San Diego Regional Pharmaceutical Narcotic Enforcement Team (R×NET)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Santa Barbara Regional Narcotic Enforcement Team (SBRNET)	0.03149	27.91	0	0	0	189
Santa Clara County Special Enforcement Team (SCCSET)	0.0356	3.025	0	0.0044	0	282
Siskiyou Countywide Interagency Narcotic Task Force (SCINTF)	2.828	15.9	0	0.0056	0	0
Southern Alameda County Major Crimes Task Force (SAMCTF)	0.034	3.87	0	0	0	0
Tulare County Regional Gang Enforcement Team (TARGET)	0	4.04	0	0	0	198
Unified Narcotic Enforcement Team (UNET)	0.004	2.63	0	0	0	0
West Contra Cost County Narcotic Enforcement Team (WestNET)	0	326.05	156.27	0	0	0

\*Started 4/2014

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## **Productivity Comparison Statistics**

FY 11-12	FY 12-13	FY 13-14
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15	16	12
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## **Productivity Comparison Statistics**

Arrests	FY 11-12	FY 12-13	FY 13-14
Special Investigations Team Program	9	5	17
Mortgage Fraud Strike Force	7	5	
eCrimes Program	4	22	4
Recycle Fraud Program	26	25	26
eWaste Program	0	0	0
Special Operations Unit (SOU)	13	92	110
California Anti-Money Laundering Alliance (CAMLA)	n/a	0	2
Foreign Prosecution and Law Enforcement Unit	FY 11-12 F	/12-13 FY	13-14
<b>Case Activity</b> Article IV Filling Haque Treaty Hearing PGR Oficios	0 15 77	0 13 30	0 6 52
<b>Un-numbered Assists</b> California Law Enforcement Agency Out of State Law Enforcement Agency Mexican Law Enforcement Agency	155 45 168	16 0 35	52 0 41
<b>Translations</b> Article IV Child Abduction (Formal Hague Treaty) Other Documents	6 57 72	0 17 12	0 24 41
<b>Telephonic Inquires</b> Article IV Child Abduction (Formal Hague Treaty) Other Documents	121 147 728	66 79 270	82 142 393

The Mortgage Fraud Strike Force, eCrimes Program, and Special Operations Unit were established in FY 11/12, statistics are not available for prior years. However, the Mortgage Fraud Strike Force was subsequently abolished in April 2013, and all cases were absorbed within the Special Investigations Team Program. Additionally, the California Anti-Money Laundering Alliance was established in FY 12/13, statistics are not available for prior years.

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The Bureau of Firearms (BOF) ensures that the state's firearms laws are administered fairly, enforced vigorously, and understood uniformly throughout California. The BOF provides oversight, enforcement, education, and regulation of California's firearms and dangerous weapons laws.

Critical functions are carried out through the following program areas:

- Enforcement Section
- Safety and Regulatory Section
- Training, Information, and Compliance Section
- Prohibition Reporting Section
- Persons and Employment Clearance Section
- Licensing and Permits

## Significant Accomplishments Weapons Seizure

In September 2013, agents began an investigation into an individual from Oildale, who was a gun vendor at gun shows throughout California. An undercover (U/C) agent purchased a handgun from the vendor without going through the proper Dealer Record of Sales (DROS) process. A co-conspirator was also identified in the investigation. The U/C agent purchased two California-banned assault weapons from both suspects. Arrest and search warrants were obtained for both suspects and their residences.

The investigation concluded the following month with the arrest of the suspects and the service of search warrants in Oildale and Apple Valley. As a result of the investigation, two WWII-era grenades, one mortar round and 412 firearms, which included four California-banned assault weapons, were seized. A criminal case was filed on both subjects in San Bernardino County Superior Court, where the case is still pending adjudication.

• To serve the People of California through education, regulation, and enforcement actions regarding the manufacture, sale, ownership, safety training, and transfer of firearms and dangerous weapons."

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## Armed Prohibited Person Investigation

In October 2013, agents conducted an Armed Prohibited Persons Systems (APPS) investigation on a subject in Salinas. The subject is a convicted felon and is prohibited from possessing firearms and ammunition for life. A search warrant was obtained for the subject's residence, resulting in the seizure of one APPS handgun, four additional handguns, three rifles, five shotguns, two assault weapons, 35 large capacity magazines, 15 standard magazines and approximately 8,394 live rounds of various caliber ammunition.

The subject admitted to possessing all the firearms, as well as manipulating the "bullet button" on one of the assault weapons to convert it to depress the magazine release system without the aid of a tool. The subject also admitted to purchasing 30-round magazines in Nevada and transporting them into



California. The case was filed in Monterey County Superior Court where the subject pleaded guilty to felony firearms charges and received a sentence of probation.

#### **Undercover Operation**

In late 2013, during an undercover operation, U/C agent was contacted by a subject offering to sell the U/C agent an illegal Galil assault rifle and large capacity magazines. The U/C agent met the subject in a parking lot in the city of Ontario where the U/C purchased the Galil and large capacity magazines for \$3,500. The subject was arrested and found to be armed with two loaded handguns.

A search warrant was served at the subject's residence located in Eastvale. That search resulted in the seizure of C-4 Explosive (36.4 grams), eight M228 grenade fuses, one igniter time blasting fuse, one fully automatic machine gun, one fully automatic lower receiver, one short barrel shotgun, two Browning M-1919 .30 cal, rifles, one AT4 rocket launcher tube, and 39 illegal assault rifles. An additional 170 handguns, rifles, and numerous large capacity magazines were seized. Two of the firearms seized had been reported as stolen. The subject was charged with numerous weapons violations, including possession of explosives and other destructive devices. The case was filed in the Riverside County Superior Court where proceedings are pending.

## Armed Prohibited Persons Firearms Seizure

In November 2013, agents conducted an APPS investigation on a subject in Sacramento County who had been previously evaluated for mental health problems pursuant to section

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5150 of the Welfare and Institutions Code. The subject had 95 firearms registered in the APPS database. BOF agents made contact with the subject and seized 50 of those firearms and over 10,000 rounds of ammunition. The remaining 45 firearms are still under investigation. The case was filed in the Sacramento County Superior Court where it is still pending.

#### Weapons Trafficking

In December 2013, while investigating an unrelated APPS investigation, BOF agents learned that an APPS gun was sold to a subject advertising in a local Hemet area newspaper that he purchases firearms. A U/C agent contacted the subject and said he



had some firearms he wanted to sell. The U/C agent asked the subject if they needed to go through a licensed firearms dealer, and the subject said no. On December 5, 2013, agents set up a meeting with the subject and purchased four handguns and one assault rifle.

The subject was arrested, and agents served a search warrant at his residence in Hemet. Seventeen handguns, nine rifles and two shotguns were seized at the subject's residence. The original APPS handgun which was also recovered among the 17 seized handguns. The case was filed in the Riverside County Superior Court where proceedings are pending.

#### Firearms Investigation Cracks "High Profile" Triple Homicide Case

In June 2014, the San Diego Police Department (SDPD) announced the arrest of a subject who was charged with the triple-homicide of two brothers and a woman who was engaged to one of the brothers. The crime came to light when two of the victims were found mortally wounded in a parked car at the Westfield Mission Valley shopping center in San Diego on December 24, 2013. One of the victims managed to call 911 shortly before she died at the scene. The subject was arrested nearly six months later. The case was solved when BOF agents took an Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) referral on January 18, 2014. Agents responded to the San Clemente Checkpoint (Interstate 5 checkpoint near Camp Pendleton) after the subject was detained by Border Patrol for possessing the firearms. ATF conducted the initial investigation and interview of the subject at the border patrol station, but realized the case was best suited for state

prosecution. After releasing the subject, ATF contacted the BOF who subsequently took custody of the firearms and filed the case with the San Diego District Attorney's office.

In April 2014, agents arrested the subject near his residence in San Diego and booked him into jail on numerous firearms charges. On June 18, 2014, agents were informed that the arrests had led to a DNA "hit" on the subject, linking him to the triple murder. The following day, agents released to SDPD the firearms the subject possessed during his detention at the checkpoint, a Del-ton Inc., model DTI-15, 5.56mm, semi-auto rifle, Ruger .22 caliber semi-auto assault pistol with a threaded barrel; S&W .45 semi-auto, homemade suppressor (silencer) that fits the Ruger .22, and 10 magazines.

On May 5, 2014, the San Diego District Attorney's Office filed four weapons-related charges against the subject, which included possession of an assault weapon, possession of a silencer, manufacturing a large capacity magazine and carrying a concealed firearm in a vehicle. The subject pleaded guilty to possessing a silencer, and prosecutors dropped the three other charges. The subject was scheduled to be sentenced on the silencer charge on July 9, 2014, in Superior Court; that sentencing was delayed when he was arraigned on the three murder charges. The subject could now face the death penalty.

## **Explosives Seizure**

In June 2014, a Fresno APPS investigation was initiated on a subject who resides in Marina. The subject is prohibited from owning any firearms due to a prior criminal conviction. The investigation resulted in the seizure of one Browning 12 gauge semi-automatic shotgun, one .22 caliber bolt action rifle, 4,333 rounds of various caliber ammo, and 209 M150 explosives. According to the Marina Fire Department, the M150s were equal to one stick of dynamite. The subject was arrested on firearms and explosives charges, and the case is still pending in Fresno County Superior Court.

## Joint APPS Operation with Los Angeles Police Department

In June 2014, a Los Angeles APPS operation with the Los Angeles Police Department's Gun Unit, concentrating in the San Fernando Valley area, resulted in agents obtaining a search warrant for a subject (ex-felon) and his residence in Encino. The search resulted in the seizure of the APPS firearm (Glock model 23), two magazines, 50 rounds of ammunition, a 10 ml. vial of "Deca" and two 5 ml. vials of "Testosterone" steroids (all Schedule III drugs), over 200 blank credit cards, several credit card readers, and other electronic credit card reader materials. The subject was arrested on firearms-, drug-, and fraud-related offenses. The case is still pending in the Los Angeles County Superior Court.

### **APPS Investigations**

In June 2014, an APPS investigation at a Santa Cruz trailer park resulted in the seizure of one assault weapon, one SKS non-assault SKS weapon, one Mosin Nagant rifle, one Daewoo semi-automatic pistol, ten assorted rifles, pistol magazines, and approximately 3,000 rounds of assorted ammunition, including 500 rounds of armor piercing and 200 rounds of tracer ammunition. The case was scheduled for preliminary examination on November 17, 2014.

# UREAU OF FIREARMS Fiscal Year 2013-2014

## **Productivity Comparison Statistics**

Personnel in FY 13-14			
Sworn: 82			
Professional: 149			
Public Records Act	FY 11-12	FY 12-13	FY 13-14
Requests Received	77	44	36
Carry Concealed Weapon (CCW)			
Carry Concealed Weapon Requests	119	137	155
Carry Concealed Weapon Requests Denied	0	0	0
Firearms Purchaser Clearance Section (FPCS)			
Firearms Purchaser Clearance Section (FPCS)	676,996	1,002,820	992,445
Firearms Licensing and Permit Section (FLPS)			
Firearms Licensing and Permit Section (FLPS)	47,696	50,130	53,852
Training, Information and Compliance Section (TICS)			
	122	100	201
Firearms Dealer Inspections Conducted Training Seminars Provided	133 64	199 67	381 231
Training: Number of Attendees	1,023	843	762
Public Inquiry Calls Handled	53,167	77,710	53,124
Public Inquiry Emails Received	4,868	5,302	6,843
Armed Prohibited Persons System (APPS)			
Armed Prohibited Persons System (APPS)	68,715	105,305	5,98
Employment and Sub-Arrest Clearance Unit (ESU)			
Employment and Sub-Arrest Clearance Unit (ESU)	88,554	79,100	106,881
Firearms Safety and Regulatory Section Mental Health Unit			
BOF Mental Health Records Manually/Electronically Processed*	50,376	3,075	214,734
Superior Court Reports of Firearms Prohibition	8,214	8,100	15,581
Juvenile Reports of Firearms Prohibition	638	745	1,049
Tarasoff Reports - Responses Processed	206	313	366
Subpoenas	0	0	0
Certifications of Mental Health Records	922	892	918
Restoration of Firearms Rights	214	161	170
Citizen Requests of Prohibited Persons	364	0	0
Telephone Resolution Calls	590	765	2,234
Modifications	618	709	867

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## **Productivity Comparison Statistics**

Automated Firearms System (AFS) and	FY 11-12	FY 12-13	FY 13-14
Crime Gun Unit	125	207	120
Subpoena Duces Tecum	135	306 540	128
Certifications of Firearms Records	640	548	543 577
Law Enforcement Special Searches Citizen Requests of AFS Records	I,743 693	1,026 611	567 813
Telephone Calls Handled	4,315	4,623	4,857
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Handgun Safety Certificate (HSC) Unit			
HSC Requests	3,846	4,437	3,719
HSC Certified Instructor Application Request (New)	960	927	825
HSC Certified Instructor Application Request (Renewal)	202	1,524	428
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SB 15 (Not Unsafe Handgun Program)			
New Firearms Reviewed	57	93	52
New Firearms Approved/Added to Roster	48	51	48
Handgun Roster Annual Renewals	1,242	1,136	914
New Safety Devices Reviewed	178	77	97
New Safety Devices Approved/Added to Roster	177	71	88
Firearms Investigations and Dangerous			
Weapons Enforcement			
Investigations Opened	1,121	1,881	6,763
Investigations Closed	1,064	1,852	6,627
Arrests (Felony and Misdemeanor)	43	81	181
Search Warrants Served	89	. 96	105
Parole/Probation/Consent Searches	766	1,179	2,049
Firearms Seized: Handgun	459	1,010	I,565
Firearms Seized: (Other)	579	1,048	I,823
Ammunition Seized (Rounds)	110,702	170,743	225,940
Other Evidence Seized (Currency)	\$9,400	\$12,458	\$4,000
Other Evidence Seized (Drugs - grams)	582	10,598	555
Other Evidence Seized (Illegal Weapons) (non-firearms)		14	210
Firearms Training Sessions Provided to Outside Agencies	21	28	5

\* Changed to Electronic Submission Reporting

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